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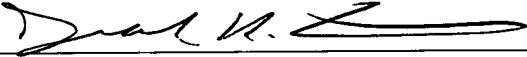
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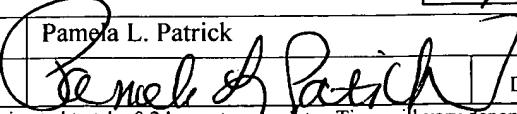
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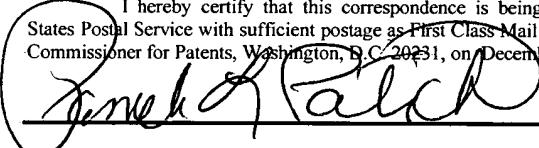
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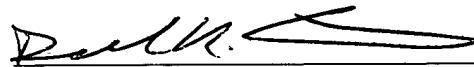
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In response to the Official Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Species I, the species corresponding to the first embodiment depicted in Figs. 1A-1C and 2A and 2C and described in the specification on pages 19-31. At least claims 1-3, 7-9, 19 and 21-24 are readable thereon. Further, in that claims 4-6 are dependent upon independent claim 1 and claim 20 is dependent upon independent claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that these claims would likewise be in condition for allowance upon indication of the allowability of their respective independent claims.



Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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